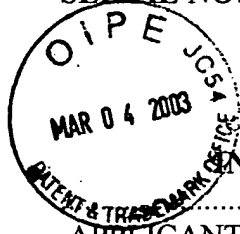


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2002, designated paper number 7, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims 11-20:

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- 11. The method of claim 2 wherein step (b) comprises embossing a second sheet of resin impregnated graphite material to form the second component and further comprising heating the bipolar graphite article after said assembling.
 - 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the graphite material of the first component comprises a first flexible graphite sheet and the graphite material of the second component comprises a second flexible graphite sheet.